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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FIGURES

Product	Production in Jan 87	% of plan fulfillment
Electricity (b.kw.hrs)	160	101%
Petroleum (inc. gas cond.)(mil. metric tons)	52.6	100.4
Nat. Gas (b.cu.mtr)	62.9	102
Coal (mil. metric tons)	67.0	102
Steel (mil. met. tons)	na	na
Fertilizer (mil.tons)	3.1	100.8
Metal-cutting tools (mil. rubles)	199	85
Robots (units)	960	114
Computer Technology (mil. rubles)	321	91
Tractors (mil. hp)	4.2	95
Paper (1000 metric tons)	516	97
Cement (mil. metric tons)	11.4	100.1
Meat (mil. metric tons)	1.1	107
Radios (1000s)	550	82
TV sets (mils)	540	72
Automobiles (1000s)	104	93

LIVESTOCK

(in millions)

	Feb 1 86	Feb 1 87	% Change
Cattle	94.1	95.6	101.6%
Cows	29.1	28.9	99.3
Hogs	58.9	60.7	103.1
Sheep & Goats	115.7	117.4	101.5
Chickens	740.2	745.6	100.7

COLD WEATHER HAMPERS INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

As the production figures for January indicate, the cold weather severly hampered industrial production. Oddly enough, oil production was not affected that much, nor was coal mining, both of which are basically outdoor activities. Production in these two sectors did not drop and in fact, in the case of coal production, there was an increase of 2%. Natural gas production rose only 2% which, given the 7-8% rate that it has been growing at the last few years, does represent a drop. Even electricity generation increased 1%.

However, discussion of the production figures indicate that the output

was not uniform and in some areas of the country there were serious shortages.

Conditions in other industries were not nearly as favorable. Steel production fell 2% and the amount of total steel output was not even reported. Machine tool production of metal cutting machines was down 15% and even computer output was down 9%. Automobile production was down 7% while television production dropped 28%.

Much of the difficulty was due not only to the cold weather within the factory, but to the disruption railroad communications and other transportation. Without delivery of components, factories could not meet their quotas.

One of the few good signs was that meat production was up 7%. Gorbachev presumably would also have been happy with the fact that the manufacture of vodka, liquors, and grape wine fell by 42%. That was presumably due to something more than the cold weather, even though as always in the Soviet Union, the demand for such antifreeze usually increases in the winter.

LIVESTOCK HERDS

Despite the very cold weather, the livestock herds, except for cows, increased in some cases impressively. For example, the number of hogs on February 1, 1987 show an increase of over 3% a year earlier. Only the number of cows fell by .7%.

ARDEN HOUSE CONFERENCE

Former Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Arthur A. Hartman, has agreed to join us at our annual Arden House Conference. He will appear on Saturday in one of our panels.

Because of the interest in the reforms that Gorbachev is trying to bring to the Soviet Union, the registration for the conference is the highest that its ever been. We expect to see many familiar faces, as well as an unusually large contingent of attendees from Western Europe. At this rate, we anticipate that we will have to create a waiting list. Those who intend to send in their registrations and have not already done so should send them in immediately.

LAST CORPORATE SPONSOR SEMINAR OF THE YEAR

CMEA 1986 - 2000: SOVIET-EAST EUROPEAN RELATIONS UNDER GORBACHEV

For the final Corporate Sponsor Seminar of the year, the Russian Research Center will look at the evolving relationship between the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. We will convene on Monday, April 27 and take a country by country look at the economic reforms that are being contemplated or are already in place and how they relate to the reforms underway in the Soviet Union. We will also examine to what extent, if at all, the plans of the different countries have been coordinated.

This program has been organized by Sarah M. Terry of Tufts University and the Russian Research Center. She has managed to bring together an impressive collection of East European specialists. The full program and application form are included in this newsletter.

CONFERENCE ON US-SOVIET TRADE

Sunday, April 26, 1987
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The conference, sponsored jointly by the International Business Club of the Harvard Business School and the Russian Research Center, will be composed of a series of panel discussions addressing such topics as the current state of trade and economic relations, recent changes in Soviet foreign trade policy (the new joint venture legislation), and how to do business with the Soviets.

Programs and applications will be available in the near future. For further information, contact Mr. Eric Fay, Russian Research Center, 1737 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. Phone (617) 495-4037 (leave message).

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Because of postage costs we have not included a copy of the Arden House program in this issue of the Newsletter. Please call Cathy Reed for a program.

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Your Title _____

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Please sign me up for: (Circle one)

Fee for the bus will be $25.00

(1) Bus departing the Eastern Airlines Shuttle Baggage claim area at LaGuardia at 3:20 p.m., Friday, March 20.
(2) Bus departing from Bryant Park, 42nd Street, Ave. of the Americas (Bus will be on the East side, between 41st and 42nd, facing North) at 3:30 p.m.
(3) I will have my own transportation.

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April 27, 1987

Harvard Faculty Club
20 Quincy Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

9:45 a.m. INTRODUCTION

Marshall I. Goldman, Wellesley College and Associate Director, Russian Research Center; and Sarah M. Terry, Tufts University and Fellow, Russian Research Center

9:55 a.m. COUNTRY PAPERS

Bulgaria:

Professor Robert McIntyre, Bates College

Czechoslovakia:

Professor Joseph C. Brada, Arizona State University

German Democratic Republic:

Professor Angela Stent, Georgetown University and Fellow, Russian Research Center, Harvard University

11:00 a.m. Discussion

11:20 a.m. Hungary:

Professor Paul Marer, Indiana University

Poland:

Professor Zbigniew M. Fallenbuchl, University of Windsor

Romania:

Professor Ron Linden, University of Pittsburgh

12:45 p.m. SHERRY

1:00 p.m. LUNCH

2:00 p.m. REGIONAL ISSUES

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"Intra-CMEA Energy Cooperation," Carl McMillan, Carleton University

"The Implications for Economic Reforms in Eastern Europe," Dr. John P. Hardt, Associate Director, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress

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"The Implications for CMEA's Technological Competitiveness on World Markets," Dr. Wojciech Bienkowski, Main School of Planning and Statistics (Warsaw)

4:45 p.m. ADJOURN

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ADMISSION: $150.00 (one hundred fifty dollars) per participant.
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Fee covers all meals and beverages
Harvard affiliates may attend the conference (without lunch) for free, but must register in advance.
Unaffiliated students may attend for $40.00

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: ( ) Single room ( ) Double room
Date(s) needed: _____
Confirmation of your room reservation will be sent with your seminar reservation and receipt.

Please return completed form and check to:

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